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The Solution for All Your Capture Needs

Ascent Capture 3 is the first production capture solution that delivers a revolutionary combination of three key capabilities – **Document capture**, and **Internet-based distributed capture** in a single, low cost application. You'll have all the powerful document capture features you've had in previous versions of Ascent Capture, plus data capture and Internet capture capabilities previously unavailable in a single application — until now. Ascent Capture has proven itself as the most reliable and widely-used production-level document capture application in the world.

Capture Both Documents and Data

Ascent Capture not only delivers unsurpassed scalability and batch processing capabilities in the most demanding document capture environments, its robust forms processing capabilities eliminate costly sorting into form and non-form documents. The forms processing module automatically identifies and registers different document types accurately and quickly. Once the form is identified, the forms processing module can recognize machine-printed characters (OCR), handprinted characters, mark sense zones (OMR), as well as barcodes and patch codes. In addition, image cleanup is performed on a zonal basis to improve data recognition.

Distributed Capture Anywhere in the World

Ascent Capture's Internet-based distributed capture capability eliminates the common and costly practice of shipping documents from remote offices to a central site for processing. The optional Ascent Capture Internet server enables remote scanning and indexing of documents via connections ranging from dedicated lines to inexpensive dial-up service. Now, IT and IS managers can develop and implement an enterprise-wide capture solution that allows documents to be scanned inexpensively at remote sites and then automatically up to the central site, securely and reliably.



Scalable to Meet Your Needs

Organizations can start off with a single low cost, low capacity configuration and increase capacity by adding additional scanning, validation, QC, verification, recognition, or release stations. A low configuration can be quickly expanded to process more than 100,000 forms or documents per hour.

Best-of-Class Usability and Easy Installation



Ascent Capture's new user interface maintains its acknowledged reputation for operator ease of use and simple installation. Ascent Capture can be up and running in hours, rather than days or weeks of expensive installation and customization — and when the job changes, Ascent Capture's dynamic batch editing makes document application class setup easier than ever.

Batch Orientation

The key to Ascent Capture is its powerful batch orientation for processing documents. System administrators use a simple menu driven interface to define processing procedures and rules document type to ensure that every document is scanned and validated the same way. Ascent Capture's administration module controls the setup and definition of all batch classes, document classes, form types, field types, validation scripts, and release scripts within a highly configurable user interface. Since each batch class definition contains all elements of the batch, administrators can pre-configure each batch and then distribute them to other sites or archiving for backup purposes.

Integrated Quality Control

Scanners are not perfect. The Quality Control/Rescan module allows quick, easy, and accurate identification of poor images. Poor images or improperly identified form types can be replaced to maintain batch efficiency and integrity.

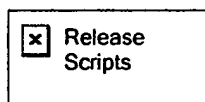
Scripting

Ascent Capture provides extensive scripting capabilities to allow administrators to customize operation. The scripts can run in the Ascent Capture recognition and validation modules for file validation, database look-up, field formatting, enhanced recognition, and tight integration with processes.

Web Publishing

As organizations leverage the Internet and Intranets/Extranets to improve their competitiveness Ascent Capture can be an integral part of the process of transforming paper based information into electronic data. Ascent Capture's built in PDF support allows users to quickly and easily publish paper based content to the web. Ascent Capture supports output of normal PDF, image only and image plus hidden text PDF.

Integration with Workflow and Document Management Applications



Ascent Capture ships with release scripts for any ODBC compatible database for the output of a delimited ASCII file. In addition, release scripts are also available for Documentum, Eastman Software, Excalibur, IBM ImagePlus, Keyfile, Magellan, OpenText, Optika, PC Docs, Watermark, and many more.



A PDF version of the above information is available.

Specifications

Network Operating System Support

- Windows NT Server 4.0 with Service Pack 3 or higher
- Novell NetWare 3.x or higher
- Any server platform that maps itself as a drive letter to a Windows

	desktop	
Client Desktop Operating System Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows NT 4.0 Server or Workstation with Service Pack 3 or higher • Windows 95 with Service Pack 1 or higher • Windows 98 	
Hardware Requirements	<p>Minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentium 200 MHz processor • 64 MB of memory • 200 MB of disk space or higher for installation and working space during processing • 800 x 600 SVGA display with 256 colors • Parallel port (required for hardware key) <p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentium II 300 MHz processor or higher • 128 MB of memory or higher • 200 MB of disk space or higher for installation and working space during processing • 1024 x 768 SVGA display with 65K colors • Parallel port (required for hardware key) 	
Scanner Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BancTec • Bell+Howell • Canon • Fujitsu • Hewlett Packard • IBM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kodak • Panasonic • Photomatrix • Ricoh • Xerox • Visit the online Scanner Configurator for additional information.
Image Format Support	<p>Import:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIFF (Group 3 and 4, Single and Multipage) • BMP* • PCX* • JPG* • CALS 	<p>Export:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIFF (Single and Multipage) • PDF (Requires Adobe Capture License) • PCX • JPG
Optical Storage Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascent Storage 4.0 or higher • Any optical manager that emulates a DOS file system 	
Back end Support	<p>Database:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Access 97 or later • Delimited ASCII • Any ODBC-compliant database <p>Workflow and Document Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit for a list of supported back end systems. 	
Development	Release Scripts:	

Environment Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Basic 4.0 and 5.0 with Service Pack 3 or higher• Visual C++ 5.0 with Service Pack 3 or higher <p><i>Recognition and Validation Scripts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Softbridge Basic
Language Versions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• German• Spanish• French• Italian• Portuguese• Japanese

Here's What's New with Ascent Capture 3:

- [What's New in Ascent Capture 3](#)
- [15 Reasons to Change to Ascent Capture 3](#)
- [How do I Upgrade to Ascent Capture 3?](#)

Additional Ascent Capture Product Information:

- More information about [ACI Server](#) is available online.
- Adrenaline products are supported by the [Alliance Technical Support Program](#).
- [Free demo software](#) on Ascent Capture is available for downloading.
- [Ascent Capture Success Stories](#)
- Versions of [Ascent Capture](#) are available for IBM Enterprise Document Management

Online Training

Narrated online training is available for Ascent Capture:

- [Online training for Ascent Capture Internet Server](#)

Ascent Capture White Papers:

White papers are available detailing a variety of capture-related topics including:

- [The Dynamics of Cost in Document and Data Capture](#)
- [Merging Document Capture and Data Capture](#)
- [Using the Internet for Distributed Capture: Cost and Architecture Issues](#)

Online Training for Ascent Capture:

On-demand narrated training is now available for:

- [Ascent Capture Internet Server](#)

Ascent Capture Technical Manuals:

- [Ascent Capture 3 Getting Started](#)
- [Ascent Capture 3.1 Release Notes](#)

These Release Notes are also available as a [PDF file](#)

- [Ascent Capture 3.2 Release Notes \(PDF\)](#)
- [Getting Started with Ascent Capture Internet Server](#)
- [Ascent Capture Internet Server 3.0 Release Notes](#)
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